

AMERICANS GAIN ON MEUSE FRONT

Improve Positions Despite Increased Gun Fire by German Defenders

TOLD TO STOP YANKS

Teutons Instructed Firm Resistance Will Improve Terms of Impending Peace

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Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger Copyright, 1918, by New York Times Co. With the American Army Northwest of Verdun, Oct. 29.

Abundant evidence is reaching our side of the line that the German soldiers opposing stubborn resistance to the American First Army north of Verdun are fighting under instructions from their officers that the harder they resist, the better the armistice terms that will be offered to the Germans.

No important infantry activity occurred on the American front today. However, the artillery on both sides, was busy, the Germans sending over some 7500 shells and the Americans replying with some 10,000.

Big caliber guns continued firing upon the Montmedy-Sedan railroad system. Aerial activity was above normal, thirteen German planes being brought down by American aviators.

With the American Army Northwest of Verdun, Oct. 29.—The American troops improved their positions in the region of Aircville and east of the Meuse yesterday. The artillery was very active on both sides, the Germans using heavy guns from various parts of the front, shelling Verdun, which now is almost a daily occurrence.

Around Waverille the Germans attempted a local counter-attack, but were repulsed. An officer and four German private were taken prisoner.

There was fierce fighting near Belleau wood, which the Americans hold. The American guns replied to the enemy batteries around Bois Le'Eurey, Reville and Chaumont. The Germans also shelled Bantheville and Cunel.

Fires burned most of the day in the neighborhood of Van, Andry, Avon and Doucon, which are believed to have been caused by American bombs or shells. There are no indications that the Germans are withdrawing.

The Americans have consolidated their positions in the Grandpre sector, firmly establishing themselves on the southern edge of Bourgne wood. Talma and Bellejeuse farm are in No Man's Land.

The American big guns cracked down on the main line of the railroad in the region of Conflans today, and also shelled a large enemy troop concentration in the neighborhood of Mansignes.

The Conflans line is important because it extends from Germany's principal communication line to Metz. The firing in the direction of Conflans continued intermittently throughout the day.

When a troop concentration was reported in the region of Bois de Villers and Mangiennes the guns were turned in that direction, hurling projectiles weighing approximately 1500 pounds each.

At intervals also the big guns inside the American lines shelled the territory around Spincourt and Dommary-Baroncourt, both important railroad junctions.

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In the afternoon about fifty bombers attacked Damvillers, where other troops were concentrating; observers reported a number of hits. About forty pursuit planes accompanied the bombers and engaged in many combats. Nine German machines were brought down. Three American planes are missing.

Official War Reports

AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS

Expeditious Forces, Tuesday morning, Oct. 29. Artillery and machine-gun fire continued heavy during the night on the front of the First Army north of Verdun, reaching particular intensity in the region of the Bois Belleu and the Bois d'Ormont.

With the remainder of the front there is nothing of importance to report. On the Verdun front there has been heavy artillery and machine-gun fire today west of the Meuse, especially in the region north of St. Juvin.

With more favorable weather conditions there has been increased aerial activity on the front of the First Army throughout the day. Our pursuit squadrons engaged the enemy in numerous combats in the course of which eighteen enemy airplanes were shot down. Five of our machines did not return. Our aviators also carried out important reconnaissance and photographic missions.

BRITISH

London, Oct. 29. Apart from patrol encounters, in which we made progress and secured a few prisoners, there is nothing to report.

AUSTRIAN

Vienna, Oct. 29. On the Piave, although the Entente forces did not succeed in breaking through, the German soldiers withdrew in the most strongly attacked sectors of the rear of our line. The movement was carried out during the night.

FRENCH

Paris, Oct. 29. North of Guise we have advanced on the north bank of the Oise and captured the Beaufort farm, west of Lesnoy-St. Germain. On the right the Entente has made a new advance east of Montcaule-Neuf, taking prisoners and capturing outposts.

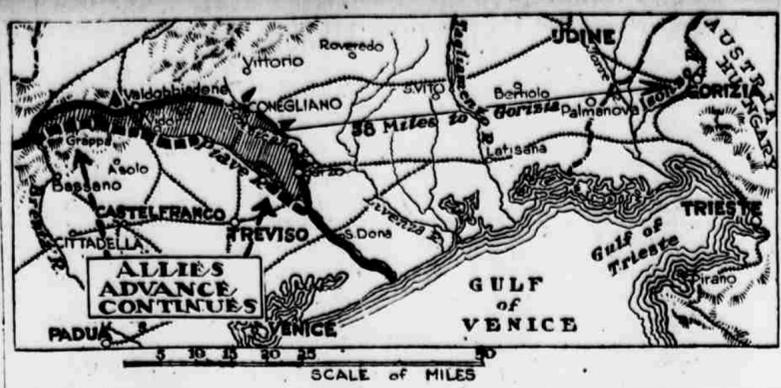
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ITALIANS THRUSTING INTO AUSTRIAN LINE



Diaz Pursues Foe; Captives Reach 25,000

Continued from Page One front of seven and a half miles between St. Quentin-Petit and Herpy. A statement issued last night concerning this operation says:

The communication follows: "Between the Oise and the Serre rivers, there have been spirited artillery actions, notably in the region of Crecy-sur-Serre."

"To the west of Chateau Porcien, the indefatigable troops of the Fifth Army undertook yesterday a new advance on a front of twelve kilometers between St. Quentin-le-Petit and Herpy. The battle is being fought with magnificent spirit on our side and great stubbornness on the part of the enemy, who has orders to halt us at any price."

"On our left, in spite of an abundance of machine gunners, who tried to check our advance, we succeeded in passing beyond St. Quentin-le-Petit and carried our line to the neighborhood of Hill 137. West of Barogne we also made progress. In the center our troops have repulsed the enemy beyond the road of Recourange-St. Perveus over a width of three kilometers."

"To the right we have conquered Hill 158 and advanced more to the east. Prisoners to the number of 850 have actually been counted."

By the Associated Press At Italian Headquarters on the Piave, Oct. 29. Austrian forces are retreating under ever increasing pressure and it is felt that the attack against the enemy will become overwhelming as soon as the entire Allied force can enter the action.

With successive days of fair weather or an extremely large body of troops, with supplies, has crossed the Piave over the Piave. It is expected that the Austrian munition supply will give out. There are indications that the enemy's heavy artillery is being withdrawn in an effort to save the big guns.

The American Red Cross is preparing to assist the Italian population in towns evacuated by the Austrians. The majority of these people are old men and women and children. Fourteen miles back from the river the country has been isolated. Only one house is left standing at Gimadomo. The latest reports show the Austrians retreating steadily to save themselves in the Piave district, where 150 guns and a thousand additional prisoners were captured yesterday. Monte Grappa has been attacked violently by the enemy, however, but the action resulted in his repulse.

The capture of Valdobbiadene is considered important, in view of the future operations along the Piave front. A bridgehead has been firmly established there.

When 1500 prisoners reached the river they fought eagerly to secure places in the boats so as to cross and eat a full meal. The first French batteries have been taken across the Piave. The capture of Conegliano, a railroad center, threatens to cause a big Austrian retirement on the lower

Piave, where the battle has not yet developed. The Allies are pouring through a thirty-mile breach in the Austrian line east of the Piave.

PIAVE FOR 30 MILES LIKE GEYSER FIELD

By the United Press With Diaz's Army on the Piave, Oct. 29.—The Tenth Army is advancing rapidly eastward, employing many abandoned Austrian batteries to shell the retreating enemy. At nine a. m. yesterday a bicycle corps entered the important railroad center of Conegliano. Airplanes signaled their arrival and a Rome brigade completed the occupation.

The Italian Tenth Army, scrambling over the mountains northeast of Valdobbiadene, has passed Refrontolo, seven miles southwest of Vittorio, which is vital.

AUSTRIA ADMITS RETREAT

Declares Troops Withdrawn to New Piave Positions

By the United Press Vienna, Oct. 29.—Austrian troops on the Piave front were withdrawn to new positions in the rear areas last night. The Austrian War Office announced today. The statement declares the Allied forces did not succeed in breaking through. Austrian rear guards have evacuated Alessio in Albania.

QUIET ON BRITISH FRONT

Nothing but Patrol Encounters, General Haig Reports

By the Associated Press London, Oct. 29.—On the British front in France Field Marshal Haig announced in his statement today there has been

BOMBS SET HIRSON AFIRE

French Fliers Attack Important Bases and Concentrations

By the Associated Press Paris, Oct. 29.—French airplanes in a night raid bombed an important enemy base, causing numerous fires at Hirson, Marle and Provins. Large railway stations and concentration points at Verwin, St. Robert, Mont Cornet, Audun-le-Romain and Marais-Tour were hit. Sixteen tons of projectiles were dropped. Reconnoitering machines advanced thirty miles from the front. Nine German machines were brought down.

GERMAN FINANCES BAD

Nachrichten Predicts Catastrophe if Hoarding Doesn't Cease

Zurich, Oct. 29.—The German Reichsbank has issued banknotes to the amount of 2,000,000 marks during the last few weeks, according to the Neueste Nachrichten of Munich. The newspaper says that this was caused by the hoarding of banknotes by people, and points out that if the government does not give up their present "crisis" a financial catastrophe is inevitable.

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SUPREME COURT NEWS

Judge Bouton, Probable Winner, Endorsed by Lawyers of All Parties

One of the satisfactory outcomes of the State Election on Nov. 5th is the probable election of Judge Joseph W. Bouton to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. This prediction has been expressed so freely among the lawyers and leaders in all parties that there does not seem to be any other result.

Judge Bouton is of French-Irish extraction and has continuously served as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in McKean County for sixteen years. In politics he is a Republican. His judicial experience and knowledge of the law serve to eminently equip him for the Supreme Bench. He has presided in the Common Pleas Court of twenty-four counties in Pennsylvania, and in all the past sixteen years thousands of cases of all classes of litigation have been tried before him.

There are nine candidates for the Supreme Court in the election next week, none of whom have had anything equal to the judicial experience of Judge Bouton, and in the words of the order of the most eminent members of the bar in this State "Judicial experience and the acid test of ability should be evidenced in any candidate aspiring to the Supreme Bench."

Judge Bouton is generally recognized as an authority on oil, coal and gas law, and his decisions on these branches have been quoted and cited in the opinions of other Courts in this State.

Voters should remember that while two candidates for the Supreme Court are to be elected next week, that only one can be voted for and a ballot with more than one selection for this office will be counted as null.

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(6) Hudson Seal Sets \$48.00 (8) Taups Fox Sets \$68.00

(4) Squirrel Sets \$69.50 (7) Silky Skunk Sets \$74.50

(6) Marmot Coats \$64.50 (8) Nutria Coats \$125.00

(6) Hudson Seal Coats \$145.00 (4) Natural Muskrat Coats \$89.50

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